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Serial No.: 10/082,546  
Confirmation No.: 4228  
Filed: February 25, 2002  
For: Method and Kit for Quantitation an Nucleic Acid Sequencing of Nucleic Acid Analytes in a Sample

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In supplemental response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 29, 2002, applicant herewith encloses seven (7) sheets of formal drawings for the above-captioned application. Please substitute the new drawings for the drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed.

No fees are believed due, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that might be due to Deposit Account No. 15-0160.

Respectfully,

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RE: Serial No. 10/082,546  
Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed 7/18/02

Attached is a copy of our Supplemental Response to Notice to File Missing Parts which was mailed on June 25, 2002 and evidently which has crossed in the mail with the Notice sent by you on July 17, 2002. Please advise if anything further is needed.

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

## Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 06/11/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 04/29/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.
  - Numbers, letters, and reference characters must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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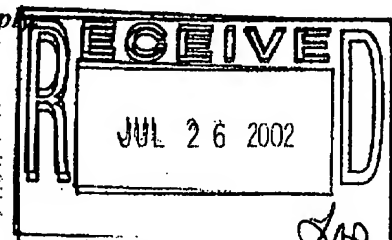
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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